



The mother of Gen. Cassin died at Scioto, Harrison County, Ohio, on Monday.

Governor Moorehead, late Democratic candidate for Governor of Kansas, has been appointed Governor of Wyoming Territory.

E. Price Greenleaf, an eccentric of Boston, has bequeathed \$100,000 to Harvard College.

The adjourned session of the Ohio Legislature will begin its work at 10 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday afternoon of January 4, 1887.

The Governor of Texas makes the announcement that 200,000 people in his State are on the verge of starvation on account of the projected drought.

At the municipal election in New Haven, Connecticut, last Tuesday, the Democrats elected their Mayor, and the Republicans elected their Mayor.

The Lieutenant General of the U. S. Army reports the army force consist of 2,153 officers and 23,000 enlisted men. What an array of defenders we have—especially of our own!

What next? Mayor Grace, of New York, recently appointed two men—Mrs. Agnew and Miss Dodge—as members of the Board of Education of that city. Very careful in you, Mr. Mayor.

The recent in all the disputed territories in New Jersey has been completed, and the Democratic majority in the Legislature is absolute.

The Legislature now holds its session. The Democrats, 38 Republicans and 2 Labor men, thus giving the Democrats a clear majority over opposition. We congratulate the Democracy of New Jersey.

Since 1863 there has been a great diminution of pauperism in London, England. For the month of October, 1886 the percentage of poor to 1,000 population was 42 per cent. For the month of October, 1885, the percentage was only 1,000 population. A study of the cause of this decrease might benefit American political economists.

Everybody says so. The New York Star says the annual message of President Cleveland to Congress is a complete and comprehensive state paper. It omits nothing important, touches upon nothing trivial, and is clear and devoid of recommendations. More, it is Democratic to the core—a long party document which the people who elected Mr. Cleveland will read with discernment and content.

It is hardly necessary to state that the masses of the American people are the same belief.

Wheat, according to the outlook, a leading New York broker, is on a list for better prices. The stocks of the United Kingdom are reported to be 14,000,000 bushels less than a year ago. The falling off in the shipments from Russia, from January 1 to August 1 of this year, decreased about 50 per cent. as compared with last year. Shipments from Australia are reported to be as heavy by 8,000,000 bushels, and a demand in Europe and a repressed production, and our shipments in that direction are gradual increasing.

A Few Facts. The following facts and figures are taken from the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be at least, refreshing.

The total revenues of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, were \$336,459,727. The ordinary expenditures for the period were \$187,094,181, leaving a balance of \$149,405,546. Of these expenditures nearly \$63,500,000 went for pensions, and nearly \$10,000,000 for interest on the public debt and sinking fund. The revenues were \$12,747,029 larger in the previous year, and the expenditures were \$17,749,796 smaller in the previous year.

Now then: Our bonded interest-bearing debt amounts to \$1,153,443,112. It will be only one year at the rate it is being paid to reduce it to \$100,000,000. No other country on the face of the globe could have paid in twenty years so much the indebtedness as we had at the cessation of hostilities between north and south without impoverishing the masses. The unlimited resources of the country and the aid industry of its people have saved the country's credit, and while so have built up its great industries and developed its farming.

U. S. Supreme Court.

It is not improbable that the appointment of a majority of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court may fall to President Cleveland, especially should he serve a second term. Justice Woods has not appeared on the bench this session, and it is a serious question whether he will ever return. Of the other members of the Court four—WATKINS, MILLER, FIELD and BRADLEY—have reached the age (70) at which they are entitled by law to retire with a continuance of salary for life. Should President Cleveland have the appointment of five Justices—they being a majority of the Court—it would be an event which, we believe, has happened but once in the last half century. If not since the origin of the Court, President Lincoln appointed five Supreme Court Justices, of whom two—MILLER and FIELD—are still on the bench. This, we believe, is as great a number than has ever been selected by any one President. Grant appointed three, Hayes, two, Garfield one and Arthur two.

Mr. Wheeler's Conscience. The Washington correspondent of the New York World shows Vice President WHEELER, who played second fiddle in the HAYES administration, to have been gifted with more conscience than his chief possessed. This is the melancholy picture:

"Mr. Wheeler has never been the same man since he left the House of Representatives. There he was one of its foremost members. He was one of the best speakers on the Republican side. As acting Speaker he displayed unusual qualities as a presiding officer. No confusion disturbed him; no misleading arguments for a moment clouded his position. Up to the time of the Presidential campaign of '76 he was the foremost man in the New York delegation in the House. From the day of his taking the office of Vice President his political fortunes and physical condition began to fail. He never believed the Republican ticket of '76 was elected. He was mortified and humiliated at the counting in of Hayes and never took any pride in his office of Vice President. He shrank from all active participation in politics, and when not on duty in the Senate Chamber sat brooding in his room. He was so melancholy and so depressed at this time that his friends feared he would go into a decline. They did all in their power to cheer him up, but in vain. He had a way then of going off from Washington to seek diversion at his old home. It was said at the time that he was away to fish. William A. Wheeler's fishing trips were standard jokes for the American paragon. His friends say that he never held a fish-plate in his hands in life and took no interest in that kind of sport. It was conscience."

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HON. JOHN C. BLACK, Commissioner of Pensions—Dear Sir: Inasmuch as the press of this country have made many false statements about me, I deem it my duty to you to state upon honor, that I was born on a cotton plantation in Hinds County, Mississippi, May 16, 1850; that I never was enlisted in any army; that I never was at Andersonville in my life; that I never served as a guard anywhere; that I never fired a gun at any person in my life; that, so far as I know, no political influence was brought to bear to procure my present appointment; that a Republican Civil Service Commission testified to my fitness; that General Street (Republican), Commander of a Post of G. A. R. in New Orleans, recommended me, by letter, to you as being a suitable man for the position of United States Examining Surgeon; that, so far as I know, no one in your department knew my political faith when I was appointed in this office. I have the honor to subscribe myself, very respectfully,

DAUNEY, Medical Examiner.

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THE BOLDEST OF ROBBERIES. The robbery is the boldest on record in this part of the State. The men made no effort to conceal their faces, and talked and joked with the passengers as they rode them. One of the robbers is positively known, and has a brother living in Wise County. Three ladies among the fifty passengers won the deification of all for their pluck and bravery. Mrs. Wittick, of Carthage, Mo., stood up by her husband and said:

"Are forty men going to submit to this outrage at the hands of two highwaymen?"

"Hush, hush," said her husband. "But it's a laughing shame that every one sits quietly without a thought of resistance," answered Mrs. Wittick.

Her husband had given her his fine watch and several hundred dollars to keep, but retained \$12.25, which he was willing to give up to the highwaymen. Mrs. Wittick refused to permit any search to be made and secured \$10 of the \$12.25, and \$2.25 only was surrendered by the husband.

Miss Katie Haas, of Fort Worth, was the custodian of \$2,000 worth of Chambers, of Potsdam, N. Y., took care of \$5,000 and some jewelry. Cincinnati Enquirer, 11th inst.

FREQUENTLY accidents occur in the household which cause bruises, cuts, sprains and lacerations; for Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment, bathe it thoroughly, and take Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm.

Another blizzard has reached us this week. The majority of our sick folks are convalescing.

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